

FEBRUARY 2014

This month sees the first anniversary of the Community Shop in its permanent premises. Congratulations to the hard working committee who made that possible and who have kept the shop running so smoothly. The shop is selling more items and in consequence more ordering has to be done and more trips to the wholesalers. A great deal of this work is being done by volunteers - THANK YOU ALL. With all the rain we have seen this winter the shop has remained dry, warm and welcoming. On new year's day we watched the water coming up from the drains outside the shop until you needed wellies to get through it. Let's hope that February will be a drier month!

Can we please have your articles for the March Ide Times by the 20th February. Please remember that February is a short month so can we please have them on time! They should be sent to **Ann Boyce at annboyce@talk21.com** who is doing next month's Ide Times. I will, of course forward anything to Ann if it is sent to me

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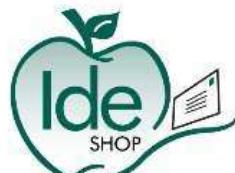
Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 7pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

(Please note that the shop is not open on **Saturday afternoons**)

Sundays & Bank Holidays 9am – 12 noon



Post Office Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 11.45am and 3pm – 5pm

Saturdays 9am – 12 noon.

Sundays and Bank Holidays CLOSED

IDE MEMORIAL HALL – to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.15am to 12.30 on Mondays, 3rd and 17th February.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Council Tax – Village Precept:

The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council receives from Teignbridge District Council to cover the “running costs” of the village. We have to put in a claim for this allocation every year and I confirm that the Parish Council have asked for no increase to last year’s precept figure in the calculation of Council Tax bills for 2014/15.

Ide Village Fund – There is funding available from Parish Council reserves for voluntary organisations within the village to apply for if it is shown to be for the benefit of the community. Any applications received will be considered at the bi-monthly Parish Council meetings.

Please contact us for more details if you wish to apply.

Street Lighting: Devon County Council have now switched off most of the street lights in the village between 12.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. as part of their programme to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs throughout the county.

Winter weather – Thank you for your efforts to keep the drains and gulleys clear. The Parish Lengthsmen did come in December but the excessive rain caused silt and debris to build up after they had been.

The stock of sandbags has been replenished after the heavy demand over the New Year. Sandbags and bags of road salt are available from the metal storage container in the Car Park – to arrange collection, please contact Roy Melhuish, 7 Cross View Terrace (Tel: 01392 252360) or Barry Hookins (see below).

Please don't take grit from the bins at the side of the road for use at home.

Potholes – The huge pothole on the mini-roundabout has been reported to Devon Highways for repair. If you wish to report a problem with the state of the roads please go to http://www.devon.gov.uk/road_maintenance.htm and complete the relevant section or bring it to our attention.

Parish Council Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th January are on display on the Parish Notice Board in Coronation Gardens.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

If you have anything you wish to be discussed please bring it to the attention of one of the Councillors or contact the clerk for it to be included on the agenda. You are welcome to attend the meetings and there is a ten minutes’ slot allocated for public participation.

Contact us: The contact details for the Parish Council are shown below.

Village website – www.idevillage.org.uk

Barry Hookins, Chairman, 01392 215726 Mobile 07591 551162 or email
barry.hookins@fsmail.net

Rose Saunders, Clerk, 01392 420461, Mobile 07776 300686 or email
ideparishclerk@gmail.com

The Councillors are: Barry Hookins (Chairman), Chris Bishop, Nick Bradley, Sally Cooke, Peter Pattison, John Smart, Sarah Tiley, Matt Ward and Louise Watson

JUBILEE CLUB

It seems along time ago that we had our Christmas bingo on November 25th. Tony was our caller owing to Cliff being unwell - as a new boy on the job he did pretty well - thank you Tony. We send our best wishes to Cliff.

The Christmas party was on December 9th. The hall was nicely decorated, to get us in the right spirit, and in came over forty children from Ide School. They gave us great pleasure with their singing, and looked as though they were really enjoying themselves. They sang Christmassy songs such as 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth', 'Little Donkey' and 'Wishing on a Star'. On their return to School, it was over to Christina's potted pantomime - a rather new version of Cinderella. The starring roles played by club helpers, and David King on the piano. Well it was rather different, the costumes colourful, and just plain fun! Then it was time for tea: Christmas cake and a glass of sherry, a toast made by Marge Addicott, thank yous to all the club helpers and off home with lots of good wishes.

Our thanks to the Whist group for their kind donation of £100. It will be most helpful towards our Christmas Lunch in the New Year.

January 6th soon came around and time for Bingo with Bert as our caller. We are getting all these guys well trained! Flowers were given to Diane Tooze and Mary Coleridge for 80th and 90th birthdays.

A group of members went to Dunsford Pantomime on January 18th. On January 20th we had everyone in fits of laughter watching a Pam Ayres video. She is such a natural story teller, and you could almost feel she was there in the hall with us. It was a fun afternoon and it was good to see so many members.

Diary Dates:

February 3rd	Christmas Lunch at Fingle Glen 12.00. for 12.30.
February 17th	Sally Elliott Microwave Puddings
March 3rd	A Quiz set by Bert.

Jean Hoskin

The shop enjoyed a very busy and successful Christmas, so thank you all so much for your support.



On February 4th the new shop celebrates its first birthday, and in the week 3-8 February, you are all invited to participate in our special **Birthday Challenge**. It will only take one or two minutes to complete and the winners will each receive a mini hamper packed with goodies. Details can be found on posters in the shop.



Romantics amongst you will hardly need reminding that February 14th is Saint Valentine's Day. We have a good range of cards and chocolates in stock and can even provide red roses for you to pre-order and collect on the day.

A lot of you will know me, I am Penny Smith and I am volunteer coordinator for our lovely community shop. This has been my role for over four years now and I am proud of the fact that in that time we have managed to keep our volunteer numbers pretty stable. Some folk have moved away, had children or changed working patterns but we have new faces on the team too. Most of our volunteers have stuck with us since the very beginning, and I believe they are so loyal because they really enjoy it.

Volunteering is a great way to be part of the community in which you live and according to recent reports it can help you live longer happier lives! I don't think we would go that far, but the shop is a really great place to spend time and get to know people you wouldn't otherwise meet, not to mention giving you a bit of time out away from work and responsibilities following everyone's secret dream of playing at shop.

Our new shop has been more successful than we dared to hope which means we have to ensure that this success is sustainable for the future. For that we need the widest possible mix of skills and personalities. We also have no wish to burn out our loyal volunteers or lean on them too heavily, so we would really welcome some new faces.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering in our shop then I am always happy to chat, or even better, ask one of our volunteers to tell you about their experience. We are always ready to welcome new volunteers, for example we would love to have more younger mums and dads on our team. We always encourage our volunteers to do what they feel comfortable with and that can be anything from a couple of hours a month, a fortnight or a week, or perhaps you would like to dust the shelves or wash the floor. It is all useful, always done as part of a team, but above all it is flexible as you would never be committing yourself to do any more than is right for you.

Go on, give it a go!

IDE GETS INFINITY AT LAST!

Yes, Ide has superfast broadband (Infinity) at last. BT finally got cracking and the necessary work was completed before Christmas. Some people already have fibre optic broadband installed.

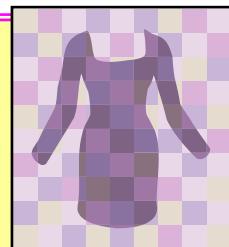
Fast broadband will make a significant difference to both domestic and business users in the village. In my case the download speed has increased from 1.7mb to 75mb. For the many people who download huge files, images or videos this will make life a great deal easier.

I would like to thank everyone who signed the petition calling on BT to prioritise Ide. It worked: we had been scheduled to get connected this summer. We could not have achieved this without considerable help from our representatives starting with Rose Saunders and Ide Parish Council. Teignbridge Councillor Alan Connell was extremely helpful, as was our MP, Mel Stride. Two other MPs also helped by piling on the pressure: Andy Sawford took to Twitter and Rob Fello put down a parliamentary question.

Thank you again to all concern

Peter Hayes

The Great Ide Frock Swap
Saturday, 1st February, 7.30pm
(Items to be delivered at 5pm)
Ide School Hall
Entry £5 (includes first drink free)
Licensed bar, stalls, raffle
Ladies clothes, coats (on hangers), shoes, handbags, belts,etc.
All proceeds to Ide Pre-school towards getting a laptop



WANTED: Part-time Administrative Assistant. An Administrative Assistant is required for a busy Surveying practice for three days a week (Mon/Thur/Fri) hours negotiable. Duties include reception, telephone, photocopying, filing, etc. Please forward CV to Miss A.Brooks, Hills, Pole House, Old Ide Lane, Ide, Exeter, EX2 9RY or email: alison@wthillsadmin.com



IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The film 'The Way' will be shown by Adrian Wyatt on Tuesday, 4 February at 2.30pm for Church member's discussion afterwards. The January film showing was cancelled)

The SW Area meeting was held on 21 January. A report will be made next month.

Adrian Wyatt gave an excellent LENS FACTOR presentation for children and adults. Although it rained, children took pictures under guidance of Adrian and friend Craig. I never knew what facilities my little camera had and we hope that all are a little wiser on taking pictures, the 'thirds' rule and the fancy things you can do with colours and cropping via a computer software programme. We hope Adrian can fit in another LENS FACTOR session in the not too distant future. We have printed the 7" x 5" pictures for display and then they will be given to the photographers who took them. Well done Kids, Elsie, Milo, Oliver and Poppy. Thanks go to Lisa and Craig for help and support.

Jackie Chadwick

AT IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY

Thursday 6th

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 15th

Classic Film – '[Seven Brides for Seven Brothers](#)' at 2.30pm. Tea & Coffee available.

Wednesday 19th

"KFP' time @ THE HUB

10 – 11am [CANDLE MAKING](#) with ADRIAN AND LISA
(make a present for mum?)

11am [FILM TIME – 'THE SMURFS'](#)

12.45pm approximately – [PIZZA LUNCH FOR ALL](#)

EXETER TO IDE LATE BUS - X9

As several might know, I've been a villager for many years and a local bus user with an interest in efforts to improve rural public transport.

I should like to say thanks to the many local people involved in taking the late bus idea forward. Thanks to Ide parish council and Cllr. Alan Connell. Special thanks to Graham Bailey from Stagecoach to allow the X9 to stop at Ide.

And finally, My thanks to Ide for allowing me to try and help.

Steven Hallett.

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA



2nd February		9.30am	Parish Communion
5th February	First Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
8th February	MESSY CHURCH	10am to 12 noon	
9th February	4 before Lent	9.30am	Morning Praise
16th February	3 before Lent	9.30am	Parish Communion
23rd February	2 before Lent	8.0am	Holy Communion
		10.0am	All Age Service

The Christmas Fayre in the Memorial Hall saw Father Christmas arrive with lots of children and the hall was soon filled with chatter and laughter. Goods on sale were soon snapped up and with the Festive Tea made for a lovely social afternoon.

Christmas and the Christmas Story seems to have gone by extremely quickly and we are now into Epiphany and the arrival of the three Kings. The Christingle service once again saw a crowded church of children and adults to hear the story of Christ coming into the world - born in a stable with the cattle standing by. He was born of humble parents and became a living symbol of God here on earth. Thank you Ide Aloud choir and Nigel, Imogen and Janet for the music. Thank you too for those adults and children who made up the Christingle oranges, took part in the Nativity, acted as narrators, and made sure that no more went up into the gallery when it was totally full!

Christmas Communion was at 9 pm on Christmas Eve with the Archdeacon taking the service. A good many people attended and prepared themselves for the coming of Christ.

Next month sees the start of Lent and there will be the usual **Lent Course** for us to follow as we learn more about our faith and the bible. Stephen Bessent will be leading it and as is normal we share with the Chapel on alternate weeks. More details to follow.

HELP: We are having difficulty finding someone to play for our once a month All Age Service. Is there anyone who would be willing to come and play a keyboard for this Service. The next one will be on Sunday, 23rd February at 10am.

God Bless

David Garnsworthy



Messy Church, Saturday, 8th February

10am - 12 noon at St Ida's Church.

Craft, games, cooking, etc. based round a Bible story.

All welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

We spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Epiphany service in Dawlish, catching up with old friends over a cup of tea afterwards. We had another very sociable time at our generous shared lunch, conversation was as varied as the food we sampled! Thank you Brenda for hosting this.

Now we need to think seriously about what we might attempt to achieve in the coming year.

We will meet next on February 19th at 2.30 pm. Again at Brenda's home.

Prayer Group will meet after the 10.0 am service on Wednesday 5th February.

Sue Campbell

TODDLERS meets every Tuesday morning from 9.30am to approximate 11am in Ide School Hall. New babies are also welcome. It is a chance for children to play together and for parents/grand-parents/child minders to have a chat over a cup of coffee or tea.

Dance your winter blues away and get ready for Spring 2014!!

Zumba: Upbeat Dance fitness, Ide Primary School Hall Tuesday evenings 7:15pm-8:15pm. First class £2. £4.50 pay as you go. Loyalty Card: £20 for 5 classes.

Zumba Gold: Upbeat, low impact Dance fitness. Ide Memorial Hall Wednesday mornings 10am-10:50am. First class £2. £4 pay as you go.

Drop in classes. No need to book. Just turn up ready to dance!

Contact: Donna 07888763297 alldance@hotmail.co.uk

Film Night - Dunchideock Village Hall

Friday February 21st at 7-45pm. Dunchideock Village Hall

Captain Phillips.

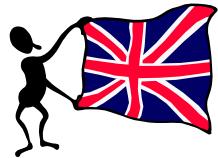
Based on the hijacking of a freighter by Somalis in 2009, Tom Hanks plays the freighter's captain, Richard Phillips as he confronts the pirates.

Friday, March 21st at 7-45pm. Dunchideock Village Hall

Philomena

Five nominations including Best Film and Best Actress. It is based on the real-life story of a 70 year old Catholic Irishwoman who goes in search of the son she was forced to give up to adoption 50 years earlier.

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Happy New Year to all and sundry on behalf of Ide Twinners.

A New Year brings fresh resolve, so after Christmas excesses I hope you'll all be heading for neatness and trimness, in readiness for the spingtime feast of fine food that is the **Ide Twinning Sunday Lunch**. This will take place on **Sunday, 6th March**, timing 12.30pm for 1.00pm. We'll be making sure to create a range of delicious dishes to suit all tastes, at bargain price. Free Bingo with West Town Farm produce may be involved... further details on price, tickets etc to follow in due course.

2014 will see a special occasion style visit to France, in May, when we will be making the trip over to Normandy and marking (early doors) the 70th anniversary of D-Day. No doubt our French twinning colleagues will have some activities, events and the usual tasty cuisine and wine lined up for us.

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the Twinning Christmas Charity Quiz – very pleased to say that we raised exactly £500 for Exeter Mencap, which is very impressive. We'd ended at £458.72 on the evening, with balance to £500 generously made up by quiz regulars Sue and Darren. The quiz was a lively affair with some great creations in the 'Create a Bible scene from materials supplied' round. Nativity and Cruxifiction scenes were banned, so amongst the efforts we had some great Noah's Arks, Parting of the Red Seas, The Moneylenders in the Temple, and one 'Burning Bush' (complete with mini-bonfire, which thankfully failed to set the smoke alarms off). It was like Messy Church for grown-ups!

Next quiz will be 23rd February.

Ide Twinners would like to take the opportunity to wish long-time member Joyce Stevens a Happy 90th Birthday. For those of us who have only been involved in twinning activities for a mere 10 or 20 years it is always interesting to hear Joyce's tales of early twinning trips, including the 1815 visit when Les Francaises were a bit grumpy, being discomfitted following Abba winning the Eurovision contest with 'Waterloo', ahead of Maurice Chevalier's 'Mon escargot, pas tres vite'. I think I've got that right. Anyway, Happy Birthday Joyce.

Pete Bishop

'DALA' - Cornish Traditional Music, in concert at Holcombe Burnell Church, Longdown. EX6 7RZ. Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.30pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £7.50 available from Jane 01392 811246 and Sue 01392 811816. A Villages in Action Event.

SHOPPING IN IDE IN THE 1940'S

We enjoy the space and carefully displayed goods in our Community Shop, and it is in sharp contrast to those shops we had in Ide during the war years.

There was not the income or articles to buy then and also we had rationing. The three grocery shops cum general stores were very cosy affairs. Most of us could only afford to get basic necessities. At Christmas exciting articles did come on show and once we even bought a tiny train set. That was from Mrs Saunders at 48 High Street, where the shop was just one room. The Post Office was just one room too, and this was a general store and haberdashery too.

Across the road was Mrs Glanville's shop, which was rather dark and cavernous, so all the goods seemed mysterious. With limited income and rationing I wonder how these shops kept going.

We could also buy freshly picked vegetables and free range eggs from Mr Medland and also Jackmans - a small-holding opposite the school. The hens were so free range that sometimes there was a squashed one on the road! Jackmans also sold paraffin.

Going on down past the Huntsman we had our baker, Coxes, and I remember they sold farthing buns in batches of four. Their delivery van also served the locals.

Also delivered was the milk. Great horses pulled the cart, or so they seemed to us small children. The milk was poured into our own jugs.

Opposite the bakers was the butchers, Mr Burnett, with his wife who was the cashier sitting in a tiny kiosk inside the shop. I was awed by the meat cleaver and massive chopping block, including blood stains. This was rationing time, so a serious business. In earlier times the slaughtering was done in the back. (My late husband wrote about this in an Ide Times a number of years ago.)

So we had all our needs in the village, but they were quite modest. It was a case of checking what was needed and then whether there was the cash to buy it beforehand.

As a child I liked the way the bell rang when I entered a shop. The proprietor was often busy with her own home life but would come from her living-room because I had made the bell ring!

All of this has gone now - swept away by time - but we are blessed with our village shop run by so many friendly people and always a pleasure to patronise.

Sylvia Moore

This picture is not as early as the 1940's but shows Elsie Meekings in front of the old Post Office in Ide, which she ran with her husband.



IDE ALOUD

Is it really Feb 2014 already? Ide Aloud have had a very busy and satisfying few months with a sell-out Christmas Concert (we had to send out for more chairs!!!) and the chance to be part of a packed Christingle service.

We have lots to look forward to this year too with a repeat of our **Shrove Tuesday Concert with pancakes on March 4th** and a Mini Choir Festival in the summer. The festival will hopefully see over 70 choir members from outside Ide joining us and there is a fundraising opportunity for any Ide organisation who would like profit from the catering in the evening when we could see as many as 200 people gather to hear the 4 choirs. If you are such an organisation, please contact me (see below). Ide is certainly a very special village with so much going on and it is great to be a part of it all.

Jane Rotinoff 276243/ mjrotinoff@hotmail.com

THE GREAT SPORT RELIEF IDE TRIATHLON CHALLENGE



The Ide Wheelers Cycling Club present 'The Great Sport Relief Ide Triathlon challenge'. Saturday, 22nd March, 3 miles around the world route of cycling, running and water.

Registration opens at the Poachers at 12 for a 1pm children's race and a 2.30pm adult race.

Categories for prizes include under 10s, over 10s, adult male, adult female, best effort and best costume.

Race ends at the Huntsman for prizes and refreshments.

Marshalled throughout and bike helmets must be worn for all children taking part.
Entry fees £1 child £3 adult.

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall Management Committee decided at its meeting at the end of November that it would prefer to try and raise the £120,000 needed to improve the hall rather than the much larger sum required to demolish the hall and start again. A sub-committee are now contacting grant making trusts and hoping that local organisations will have fund-raising events. The Art Group are planning an exhibition and Ide Aloud are planning an event. Devon County Council and Teignbridge have been able to provide some funding for which we are most grateful. We hope it won't be too long before we have a village hall we can be proud of.

WEST TOWN FARM & ORGANICARTS

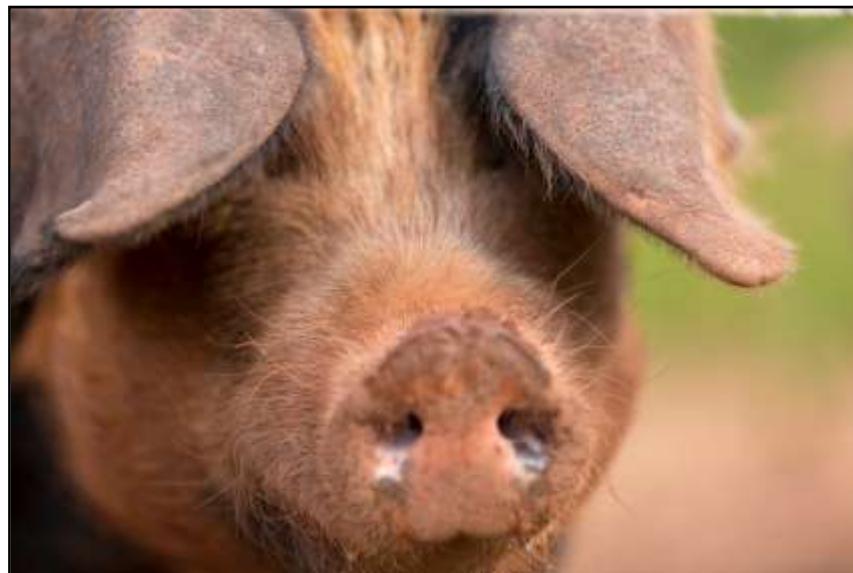
After a very wet and windy start to January we're now all back to work and ready to kick off 2014, or at least splash through it!

As new years are about changes we're using this one to re-jig the dates of our Meat Week. No longer will it fall on the third weekend of every month but, from February, will move to the first weekend of every month, meaning next Meat Week will start on Thursday, January 30th when the shop will be open 9am-5pm until Monday the 3rd of February.

We will be increasing the cost of our boxes ever so slightly; the "Just for Me" box will now be £29, the "Original Meat Box" is now £41 and the "Family Box" will be £82. We really hate to do this but throughout last year our butchery and packing costs increased. On the plus side we have nosily looked about at everyone else's prices and we're 99.9% sure we're the least expensive, local, organic meat option.

Our other new year's resolution is to run more adult activities on the farm to really make the most of our produce, including the farm's non-cultivated offerings such as wild garlic and blackberries. So we've put together a selection of courses - some may not be appropriate for the talented cooks of Ide, some may help cultivate that talent! The general idea is a day out on the farm, including a nice lunch, enjoy a guided walk - which may possibly involve picking up some foods on route - and learn to make something delicious.

This month the first of our courses take places on Saturday the 1st February, making Medlar syrup and chutney, and then a day of Basic Butchery and Charcuterie on Sunday the 2nd February. Hopefully we'll see you there!



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